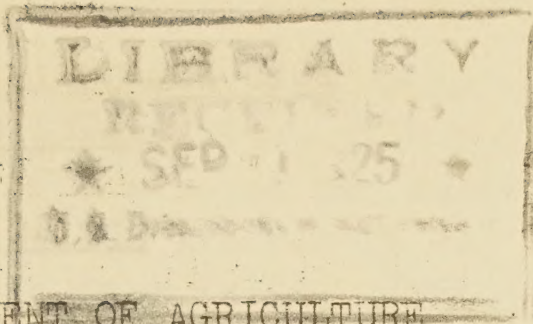


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Office of Exhibits

A Summary of the Exhibit

POULTRY CLUB WORK

A booth exhibit showing the success of the Poultry Club movement; and some methods used in increasing egg production.

Specifications

Floor space - - - - - 13' front, 8' deep.
Wall space - - - - - None.
Shipping weight - - - - - 880 lbs.
Electrical requirements - None.

BOYS AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB WORK

POULTRY CLUB WORK

How It Looks

Attached to the middle of the center section is a very realistic imitation of a massive stone arch and iron barred gate which has just been opened by use of the "4-H" key. The legend at the top of the gate, "Opening the way to profitable business," explains what is being done by poultry clubs. The gateway is symbolical of the way clubwork opens the way to success for its members.

Standing in the gateway is a life-size cutout of a young man who has joined a poultry club and learned how to produce eggs profitably. He is holding two boxes of eggs which show the type of container used by his club members.

The left section shows three enlarged colored photographs which tell how to examine chickens for color and train for exhibition. The right section shows four illustrations on culling to increase egg production.

The booth is 13 feet across the front, 8 feet deep and 7 feet high.

What It Tells

Over 51,000 boys and girls last year were engaged, as members of 4-H farm boys' and girls' clubs, in demonstrating the best methods known in poultry husbandry by using these methods in the management of their own flocks. By this means they, themselves, acquired skill in these practices, earned some money, gained an understanding of the opportunities offered by this phase of farming, and were able to contribute something to their communities through the opportunities which their demonstrations afforded their families and neighbors to see how new practices are carried on and what benefits result from them.

Club work with poultry gives a boy or girl an opportunity to foster a liking for work with animals

by making only a small investment which soon brings some returns. The new members usually begin with settings of eggs or baby chicks and learn first to care successfully for a small flock. They keep careful records of all items of expense and any money received from sales. When these records are closed at the end of the year and the value of the birds on hand is noted, the money value of the season's work is shown.

During the season, club meetings are held regularly with the extension agent or local leader. The young poultrymen bring their problems for discussion and are also given new points on poultry practices. The club members go to see each other's flocks frequently and sometimes attend tours to see the flocks and equipment of successful adult poultrymen. If there is a county or community fair, the club members prepare their best birds for exhibit and enter them in competition. Sometimes, if they have produced exceptionally good birds, they are encouraged to enter these in district or State competitions. Enviably exhibit records have been made by some club members.

From the start obtained in the first year's work, the boys and girls usually continue the next season, learning the feeding and management of laying hens in addition ^{so} to growing new stock for their flocks. Many members become interested that they keep on with their club work a number of seasons. Club demonstrations featured in these different seasons are early hatching, feeding for egg production, housing and management, disease control, improvement of farm flocks through introduction of standard-bred poultry, culling, caponizing, preparation for market, and cooperative marketing.

Egg-laying contests, community and county poultry associations, poultry institutes and the adoption of county breeds frequently are due in part to the interest of adults in the efforts of the boys and girls of the community to demonstrate improved poultry practices. Profitable poultry industries now conducted by former club members have been developed in many instances from the first small flocks with which they started club work.

Where to Get Information

The following publications may be obtained free of charge from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

- Farmers' Bulletin 287 - Poultry Management
- Farmers' Bulletin 1067 - Feeding Hens for Egg Production
- Farmers' Bulletin 1337 - Poultry Diseases
- Farmers' Bulletin 801 - Mites and Lice on Poultry
- Farmers' Bulletin 849 - Capons and Caponizing
- Farmers' Bulletin 1112 - Culling for Eggs and Market
- Farmers' Bulletin 1331 - Backyard Poultry Keeping
- Farmers' Bulletin 1363 - Incubation of Hen's Eggs
- Farmers' Bulletin 1413 - Poultry House Construction
- Farmers' Bulletin 1409 - Turkey Raising